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It is noteworthy that the refinery is being built free of labor cost, because the necessary manpower is being provided by the vast Cerrik concentration camp for dissident military personnel consisting, for the most part, of officers and noncommissioned officers of the Albanian regular army.

SOVIET MILITARY CONTROL IN BULGARIA INCREASED -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 17 Jul 53

Paris, 16 July -- Reports have been received that Soviet control of the Bulgarian Army has been increased recently. The city of Kolarovgrad has been converted into a training center staffed by Soviet experts. Training in the use of weapons sent here by the Red Army is conducted under the supervision of these experts. At the same time, the influence and authority of Soviet officers within Bulgarian military units has been expanded.

It has also been reported that Stalin has been made part of the Soviet military zone and that Bulgarians are not permitted to enter the city. Red Army security units are reported to be in the Dobrudzha plain. These are kept in a state of readiness, to intervene in the event that the Bulgarian police and army cannot control the situation in Bulgarian villages and cities which have recently been the scene of serious disorders.

Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 22 Jul 53

Paris, 21 July (Radio) -- The following report appeared in the refugee Rumanian newspaper published here: A report has been received that for the past few days preparations for military maneuvers have been made in the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense under the supervision of Soviet officers. It is understood that the maneuvers will take place close to the point where the Bulgarian, Turkish, and Greek borders meet. Motorized and infantry units have been sent to the Nova Zagora and Kharmanli area. The 2d Bulgarian Division is also in this area. These maneuvers, which will be carried out under the control of Soviet officers, will be held on the roads going in the direction of Svilengrad and Edirne. Military preparations have also been observed in areas near the Greek border.

BULGARIAN BORDER GUARDED BY MOTORIZED UNITS -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 18 Jun 53

Edirne, 17 June -- According to reports from reliable sources, two Bulgarians -- one a civilian, the other an unarmed soldier -- have fled into Turkey in the Balkan sic area. The civilian reported that the Bulgarian border is constantly guarded by motorized units of 25 men each, that mines had been laid along the entire border, and that he had managed to escape only with the help of a Bulgarian soldier.

NEW TYPE ANTIAIRCRAFT SHELL TESTED IN HUNGARY -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 26 Jun 53

Experiments on a new type antiaircraft shell are being held at the Sutor proving grounds. These shells are automatic radio-guided missiles invented in the USSR and perfected in Hungary. While the experiments were taking place, all service personnel at the proving grounds were sent away on maneuvers.

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RESTRICTEDAIR TRAINING CENTER COMPLETED IN HUNGARY -- Istanbul, Son Posta, 31 May 53

Istanbul, 30 May -- According to reliable information received here, an air training center, which is expected eventually to be the largest, is being built at Budaors for Satellite forces. Construction of the barracks and encampment was completed late in April. It is reported further that the center will be commanded by high-ranking Soviet air force officers, who will train senior and junior officers and men. In fact, training is reported to have begun already on jet planes given to Hungary and other Satellite nations by the Soviet Union. A flight of MIG-15 jet planes has been based at the Papa airfield, which has the longest runway in Hungary. It has also been learned that the Tokol airfield near Budapest has been assigned for the landing of planes coming from the USSR.

According to the same report, an automobile assembly factory near Csepel has been converted into an aircraft repair shop for Soviet-built conventional and jet aircraft.

SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITY INCREASED IN HUNGARY -- Athens, Athinaki, 30 May 53

A great amount of military activity has been evident throughout Hungary. New Soviet-gauge rail lines are being built, since Hungarian lines are vital to communications between the Soviet Union and the Soviet Zone of Austria.

It is also reported that Soviet infantry units replaced their Hungarian counterparts in southeastern Hungary in the month following Stalin's death. Furthermore, it has been learned that many Soviet units which had been stationed in Rumania have now been transferred to Hungary.

HIGHWAYS REINFORCED IN HUNGARY -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 28 Jun 53

Highways in Hungary are being specially reinforced for tanks weighing 60 tons.

TROOPS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES IN RUMANIA -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 13 Jun 53

Besides Soviet troops in Rumania, there are troops from other People's Democracies. Hungarian forces have been noted at Oltenia.

NEW CHEMICAL FACTORY BUILT IN RUMANIA -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 13 Jun 53

About 80 engineers and technicians from East Germany are now working near Ucea-de-Sus (in the vicinity of Fogaras) on the construction of a chemical factory which will manufacture acids, nitrocellulose, and gunpowder. The region around the factory has been completely isolated.

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